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SUBJECT:ENERGY TRANSFER ALONG BORDER

REF: MEXICO 7569

1. WE DO NOT BELIEVE WIDE-RANGING SERIES OF BILATERAL TALKS BETWEEN PEMEX AND WASHINGTON AGENCIES ON BORDER ENERGY TRANSFERS ARE NECESSARY OR EVEN POSSIBLE AT THIS TIME. HOWEVER, PEMEX MAY WISH TO GO OVER PROBLEMS RELATED TO ADMINISTRATION OF QUOTA AND EXPORT PERMITS FOR BORDER TRANSFERS THAT FALL WITHIN AUTHORITY OF PETROLEUM HARDSHIP COMMITTEE. EMBASSY MAY INFORM PEMEX THAT STATE, COMMERCE, AND FEA MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ARE WILLING, IF PEMEX

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DESIRES, TO TALK INFORMALLY IN WASHINGTON WITH PEMEX REP (OR MEXICAN EMBASSY STAFF HERE) ABOUT PRESENT AND

ANTICIPATED PEMEX WINTER REQUESTS ON MATTERS THAT FALL
WITHIN COMMITTEE'S AUTHORITY.

2. IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND DIMENSIONS OF PEMEX CONCERNS AND
TO BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO ACT ON FUTURE PEMEX REQUESTS,
DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION AND ASSESSMENT OF
EMBASSY ON A) PEMEX DISTRIBUTION PROBLEMS IN BORDER REGION;
B) PEMEX REFINING PROBLEMS, AND C) PEMEX SUPPLY AND PRO-
DUCTION BOTTLENECKS.

3. WITH RESPECT TO PROPOSED MEETING IN MEXICO (PARA 3
REFTEL) FEA WOULD LIKE TO KEEP DOOR OPEN FOR INFORMAL
VISIT BY SENIOR EXPERT FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH PEMEX TO
IMPROVE UNDERSTANDING OF CAPABILITIES AND RESERVES IN
OIL AND GAS, WITHOUT RPT WITHOUT DISCUSSION OF PARTICULAR
REGULATORY MATTERS OF INTEREST TO PEMEX. BEFORE FEA
VISIT CAN GO FORWARD COORDINATION IN WASHINGTON AND WITH
AMEMBASSY MEXICO CITY WILL BE NECESSARY. KISSINGER

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